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BOARD OF DIRECTION


OF THE
Mercantile Library Association

OF THE
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1820-23..LUCIUS BULL.	1854.....DANIEL F. APPLETON.
1823-24..CORNELIUS SAVAGE.	1855.....D. REYNOLDS BUDD.
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1848.....THOMAS W. GROSSER.	1869-70..M. C. D. BORDEN.
1849.....ISAAC H. BAILEY.	1870.... M. C. D. BORDEN.
1850.....THOMAS J. BAYAUD.	1871.....CHARLES F. ALLEN.
1851.....HENRY A. OAKLEY.	1871-72..ARTHUR W. SHERMAN.
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1853.....WILLARD L. FELT.	1872-73..PETER VOORHIS.
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HON. HENRY E. DAVIES.

Fifty-Third Annual Report.

In conformity with the requirements of the Constitution, the Board of Direction has the honor to submit to the members of the Association its Fifty-third Annual Report.

Our institution, in common with all others, has felt the influence of the severe panic that prevailed throughout the country during the past year, causing the failure of many old business firms, and consequently throwing thousands out of employment; but, notwithstanding which, we are able to report satisfactory progress.

I.—BUILDING.

During the past year the Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association have caused the exterior of the building to be thoroughly painted and repaired; the Library Room has been thoroughly cleaned and re-painted, in order to do which your Board ordered it to be closed from August 15th to September 1st.

The necessity for more shelf room increases from year to year; in fact our present accommodations are totally inadequate for our wants. What we need and ought to have is a new fire-proof building, with all the necessary shelf room and accommodations for cataloguing, binding, repairing and covering the books of the Library.

Your attention has been called to this matter from year to year, but as yet nothing has been done, and will not, unless each and every member of the Association shall come forward and assist us, and influence their friends to do the same. Accident may, in a few short hours, destroy the work of more than half a century. Without the assistance of the friends of the institution we are powerless to act; with it we can, in a short time, place the Mercantile Library Association of this city in the position to which it belongs, that of being the first and best in the United States.

In order to accomplish this we ask the assistance of every member and friend of the Association.

II.—MANAGEMENT.

1. EXECUTIVE FORCE.

The total number of persons in the employ of the Library is 19.

When you take into consideration the great number of books delivered and received over our counters, the number of books handled in the cataloguing and repairing rooms, and the numerous accounts kept both of subscriptions and books loaned, this force is very limited, yet the work is quickly and accurately done.

We believe there is no other Library in America where so much work is done, in such a satisfactory manner, as is done by the small force employed by this Library.

Your Board takes this opportunity to testify to the cheerfulness, fidelity, zeal and efficiency with which every one connected with the several departments of the Library has discharged their various duties.

In August last Mr. Geo. J. Schermerhorn resigned his position as Librarian to engage in the practice of Law, and your Board appointed Mr. William T. Peoples to fill the position, which he has done with great credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

This is the only change made in our force, which is worthy of mention.

The Library has been open for use 292 days during the year, being every day in the year except Sundays, legal holidays, and the time it was closed for repairs and cleaning.

The reading room has been kept open every day except on legal holidays.

On the 12th of May, 1872, the Reading Room was opened for the first time on Sundays, for the benefit of clerks, who on such days are exposed to the many trials and temptations incident to city life, for the want of proper and pleasant places to spend their leisure hours. At that time it was confidently believed, that a large number would avail themselves of the privilege so generously extended to them.

After a trial of two years we find that but very few of those, for whose benefit it was intended have availed themselves of the privilege, and in our judgment it has proved a failure.

The attendance has been by men of middle age, and not by young clerks, and any one taking the trouble to call will see the same familiar faces in the Reading Room on every Sunday during the year, though they number but few. The average attendance has been 97 out of a membership of 10,800, showing attendance of less than one per cent.

2. LIBERTY STREET AND YORKVILLE BRANCHES.

The business of the Liberty Street Branch has been very satisfactory during the past year. The books of this branch are changed from time to time, thus giving all members, who use this branch, all the advantages of the main Library. The total number of volumes circulated has been 44,576.

The receipts of the Yorkville Branch, having dwindled down to a mere nominal amount, your Board deemed it expedient to close it, and accordingly ordered it to be done.

3. NORWALK BRANCH.

The Norwalk Branch having become a source of expense, and many complaints having been made as to the management of it, the agent not being under our supervision and control, it was deemed expedient to close it, and accordingly it was ordered by your Board.

4. BOOK DELIVERY.

This department of the Library, although a great convenience to a few of the members of the Library, became a source of expense instead of profit to the Association, so much so that the Board ordered it to be discontinued on and after October 1st, 1873.

The horse was sold for \$150, and the wagon and harness for \$162.50, and the proceeds placed in the treasury of the Association.

5. CLASSES.

The following Classes were organized during the year, viz.:—

French, taught by Prof. Th. de l'Ouest,	-	-	-	27
German, " " William Heinmuller,	-	-	-	9
Phonography, " Mrs Eliza B. Burns,	-	-	-	18
Elocution, " Prof. H. A. Littelle,	-	-	-	2
TOTAL, - - - - -				56

Total receipts of which were	-	-	-	-	\$416 00
Total expenditures of which were	-	-	-	-	403 50

Leaving a balance to the credit of the Library of	\$12 50
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6. READING ROOM.

This continues to increase in popularity from year to year, and is daily resorted to by a large number of our members, and no pains have been spared to make it as attractive as possible, not only as regards the collection of newspapers and magazines, but also in its furniture and appointments.

The number of newspapers now kept regularly on file here is 235, and the number of magazines is 195.

7. BINDERY.

The Bindery, which was established in 1871, continues to work satisfactorily and economically.

During the past year there have passed through the hands of the binder and his assistants 7,977 volumes, of which 1,787 were bought in paper covers and newly bound. The balance, 6,190 volumes, were old books, repaired and re-bound. Besides these, 74,778 volumes have been furnished with new paper covers.

The cost of binding and repairing 7,977 volumes at the prices formerly paid by the Association to outside binders would be - - - - - \$2,893 30

The total cost of running our bindery for the year, including stock and interest on machinery and tools, has been - - - - - 2,109 25

*Showing an actual saving to the Association of \$784 05

8. MAGAZINE DEPARTMENT.

This department, through which are loaned to our members the monthly and quarterly magazines and reviews, still continues very popular.

No effort has been spared to increase its usefulness, and it is believed the list presented to our members embraces nearly every popular publication of this kind issued in the United States or England. The total number circulated during the year has been 6,839.

III.—BOOKS.

The number of volumes, exclusive of pamphlets, now in the Library is 147,578; an increase during the year of 4,305 volumes. We have sold during the year 818 duplicate and 332 imperfect books, making 1,150 volumes, so that the gross total of our accessions has been 5,455 volumes. Of these 4,949 were acquired by purchase and 506 by donation. Of the volumes purchased 3,315 were paid for by

the funds of the Mercantile Library Association, and 1,634 by the funds of the Clinton Hall Association.

2. DUPLICATE BOOKS.

In consequence of having discontinued all of the out of town branches, the number of volumes in this department has been increased. During the year 818 volumes have been sold, and the amount received from such sales was \$448,64.

3. DONATIONS.

We are under obligations to the many warm friends of the Library for the donation of numerous books and pamphlets, which in every case have been duly acknowledged at the time they were received. Especially are we indebted to the Hon. HENRY E. DAVIES for a donation of 250 volumes, consisting of United States, State and City documents, and for professional services gratuitously rendered to the Association during the past year; to Hon. ROSCOE CONKLING for complete sets of the Congressional Globe; also, to the heads of the various departments of the National and State Governments for valuable public documents. A list of these will be found in the appendix.

IV.—CIRCULATION.

The circulation of our books falls below that of last year. This decrease is due to several reasons: 1st, the closing of the Out-of-town Branches; 2d, the closing of the Library for repairs, and, last but not least, to the universal depression that has prevailed in every branch of business during the past year in consequence of the same.

The total number of volumes issued was 204,632, of which 154,265 were delivered at the Main Library, 44,576 at the Liberty Street or Down-town Branch, and at the residences of members 5,791. The daily average circulation was 654 volumes.

The largest daily circulation was on the 24th of January last, when 1,343 volumes were delivered. The smallest daily circulation was 332 on the 23d of April last.

The circulation of books in foreign languages has been 15,598 during the past year, as against 17,155 the previous year.

V.—CATALOGUE.

The current cataloguing work of the Library has been kept up as usual.

It will not be long before we shall be under the necessity of issuing a new catalogue, and when it is done, the plan which has heretofore been recommended to you of using one alphabet instead of two, for cataloguing, should be adopted, as it has been in general use in nearly all the libraries throughout the country, and seems to be the best.

The following table shows the present condition of the stock of catalogues:

Catalogues on hand May 1st, 1873.....		140
Sold during the year.....	4	
Used in Library and given away.....	4	8
		<hr/> 132
Number on hand May 1st, 1874.....		132
In sheets.....	132	
Bound.....	0	132
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Supplementary Catalogue, (printed Dec. 1869) on hand May 1st, 1873.....		903
Sold during the year.....	17	
Used in Library and given away.....	8	25
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Number on hand May 1st, 1874.....		878
In sheets.....	878	
Bound.....	0	878
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Supplementary Catalogue, (printed April, 1872) on hand May 1st, 1873.....		1,574
Sold during the year.....	76	
Used in Library and given away....	42	118
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		1,456
In sheets.....	933	
Bound.....	522	1,456
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Mercantile Library.

VI.—MEMBERSHIP.

1. IN GENERAL.

The membership of the Association is fully set forth in the following table:

Active members on 30th April, 1873.....	5,544	
Subscribing members on 30th April, 1873.....	4,253	9,797
Withdrawn at \$4.....	110	
“ “ \$5.....	51	161
Accounts closed by Constitution at \$4.....	1,206	
“ “ “ “ \$5.....	1,377	2,583
Since added at \$4.....	888	
“ “ “ \$5.....	972	1,860
Decrease during the year.....		884
Active members on the 30th April, 1874.....	5,116	
Subscribing members on 30th April, 1874.....	3,797	8,913
Honorary members.....	94	
Since deceased.....	2	
Elected this year.....	2	
• Honorary members on 30th April, 1874.....		94
Editors using Library and Reading Room.....		31
Clinton Hall Stockholders.....		1,762
Total number of persons entitled to use Library and Reading Room, May 1st, 1874.....		10,800

It will be seen by this statement that the total decrease in our membership, as compared with last year's statement, is 884.

This decrease has been fully accounted for, as was explained in a previous part of this Report.

2. HONORARY MEMBERS.

During the year, by the unanimous vote of your Board, two Honorary Members of the Association have been elected, viz: Gen'l ALEXANDER S. WEBB, President of the College of the City of New York, and Mr. M. C. D. BORDEN, of the firm of Low, Harriman & Co. Mr. BORDEN was for a number years connected with the administration of the Library, and was one of its most energetic and efficient

officers, and has always endeavored to advance the interests of the Library by the free use of his time and means.

Providence has removed two of our Honorary Members during the past year, viz: GARDINER SPRING, D. D., who for more than half a century was the Pastor of the Brick Church, of this City, and DAVID HOADLEY, who for many years was President of the Panama Railroad Co.

VII.—FINANCE.

The total income of the Association for the year was \$35,980.67. The total expenditures for the year have been \$35,754.57, of which \$25,580.49 was used for salaries, rent, fixtures, printing, stationery, gas, insurance and running expenses, and the balance, \$10,174.08 for books and periodicals. The amount of \$391.19, which this Association had on deposit with the Stuyvesant Bank at the time it failed, over two years since, has not been recovered as yet, and it is very doubtful, if we receive anything, as litigation and expenses bid fair to consume what little there is in the receiver's hands.

VIII.—BOARD OF DIRECTION.

On the 2d of June, Mr. WILLIAM T. PEOPLES resigned the position of Director, and Mr. A. H. TIMPSON, with the Continental Bank of this City, was elected to fill the vacancy. On the 1st of August, Mr. JAMES BRUCE, Jr., resigned the position of Director and Mr. CHARLES C. HOUGH, with H. B. Claflin & Co., was elected to fill the vacancy. On the 24th of November Mr. PETER VOORHIS resigned his position as President of the Board of Direction; Mr. CHAS. S. ARTHUR was elected to fill the position for the remainder of the term, and Mr. CHAS. C. HOUGH was elected Corresponding Secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of the late incumbent. Mr. WM. H. GUION, Jr., was elected to fill the vacancy in the Two Year Term, occasioned by the resignation of Mr. VOORHIS, and Mr. JOHN C. PALMER was elected to fill the vacancy in the One Year Term.

IX.—LECTURES.

The following Lectures have been given during the year, under the auspices of the Association :

AT STEINWAY HALL.

Oct. 3. Chas. Bradlaugh, on
 "The Republican Movement in England."

Oct. 6. Chas. Bradlaugh, on
 "An Englishman's View of the Irish Question."

AT ASSOCIATION HALL.

Nov. 16. Wilkie Collins, on
 "The Dream Woman—a Mystery."

The regular Lecture Course at Association Hall was as follows, viz.:

1st Lecture—October 20.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, on *"Manhood and Money."*

2d Lecture—November 3.

John B. Gough, on - - - - *"Now and Then."*

3d Lecture—November 17.

Gerald Massey, on - - - - - *"Charles Lamb."*

4th Lecture—December 1.

Mrs. Scott Siddons, - - - - *Dramatic Readings.*

5th Lecture—December 15.

Jas. T. Fields, on - - *"Writers of Modern Fiction."*

6th Lecture—December 29.

Paul B. Du Chaillu, on - *"Land of the Midnight Sun."*

7th Lecture—January 12.

John Brougham, - - - - *Dramatic Readings.*

8th Lecture—January 26.

Bret Harte, on - - - - - *"American Humor."*

9th Lecture—February 9.

Wendell Phillips, on - - - *"Street Life in Europe."*

10th Lecture—February 23.

Hon. Daniel Dougherty, on - - - *"The Stage."*

Your Board was fortunate enough to secure the services of Rev. CHAS. KINGSLEY, Canon of Westminster, who consented to deliver two lectures at Association Hall, as follows, viz.:

Feb. 27. Subject, - - - "Westminster Abbey."
Mar. 2. " - - - "First Discoverers of America."

The attendance at these entertainments was very fair, considering the state of the times.

The last two attracted the largest audiences.

X.—FREE SCHOLARSHIP.

Mr. THOMAS S. ORMISTON still fills one of the Scholarships in Columbia College, and Mr. HENRY WHITNEY BATES the other, and both bid fair to graduate with distinguished honor.

XI.—CLINTON HALL ASSOCIATION.

To the gentlemen composing the Board of Trustees of this Association our thanks are due for the kindness and consideration with which they have treated both this Association and your Board of Direction. The relations between the two Associations have been of the most friendly character. They have added during the year 1,634 vols. These works are selected by the Trustees and Librarian, and the utmost care is taken to purchase none but standard works.

XII.—Report of the Committee on examination of Books and other property of the Association.

The following is the Report of the Committee appointed by your Board to make an examination of our Books and other property, in accordance with Section 20, Article 3, of the Constitution:

To the President and Directors of the

Mercantile Library Association :

GENTLEMEN—The Committee appointed by you to examine and report on the Books and other property of the Library, has made the necessary examination.

The building, in its interior, presents a most cleanly appearance throughout, and is in as good condition as it seems to us possible to such a building.

The Books are apparently well cared for, and carefully and neatly arranged on the shelves.

The Reading Room has its accustomed appearance of light and comfort, and suggests to us nothing to improve upon in its appointments.

We think a new building would be a good thing for the Library.

Signed,

M. C. D. BORDEN,	} Committee.
DAN'L F. APPLETON,	
WM. H. WICKHAM,	
JAS. H. PERCIVAL,	

XIII.—Institution for the Savings of Merchants' Clerks and Others.

This Institution, which was chartered in 1848, upon the application of the Chamber of Commerce and of this Association, and in the government of which the President, Vice-President and Treasurer of your Board participate, is in a most flourishing condition. Its deposits amount to \$3,467,228.93, and it has a surplus of \$278,286.14.

During the past six months in addition to the regular interest dividend they have declared and paid an extra interest dividend to all depositors. The Institution is worthy of confidence, and should receive the patronage of the community, and especially of the Merchants' Clerks, for whose benefit it was established.

XIV.—CONCLUSION.

And now, fellow members, with the presentation of this report ends our duties for the year, and at its close we are happy to say the Mercantile Library Association is entirely free from debt. We have been obliged to exercise the utmost economy in our expenditures of monies for the running expenses of the Library, and in the purchase of Books, but we have endeavored to give satisfaction to our members as far as the means at our disposal would allow.

What your Board has done during the past year, has been done believing it to be for the best interests of the Library, and we hope, that our acts will meet with your approval.

On behalf of the Board,

CHAS. S. ARTHUR,

President.

Annual Meeting.

The Fifty-Third Annual Meeting of the Mercantile Library Association of the City of New York was held in the rooms of Messrs. LEAVITT & Co., Clinton Hall, Astor Place, on Tuesday evening, May 12th, 1874.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Association, Mr. CHAS. S. ARTHUR, who took the Chair.

The minutes of the Fifty-Second Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The reports of the President and of the Treasurer of the Clinton Hall Association were read, and, on motion, were accepted and ordered to be printed with the Annual Report.

The Treasurer of the Mercantile Library Association, Mr. WM. H. GUION, Jr., presented his report for the year ending April 30th, 1874, which was approved and ordered to be printed with the Annual Report.

The Fifty-Third Annual Report of the Board of Directors was read by the President.

On motion of Mr. JOHN McCauley the remarks in regard to the lecture of BRET HARTE were stricken out. The Report was then, upon motion of Mr. THEODORE F. ALLEN, approved, and the usual number of copies were ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

On motion of Mr. JACOB S. ISAACS the thanks of the members were tendered to the Board of Direction for the able, faithful and impartial performance of their duties during the past year. The meeting then adjourned.

SAM'L PUTNAM,

Rec. Sec.

APPENDIXES
TO
ANNUAL REPORT.

1874.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

OF THE

*Clinton Hall Association.**To the Board of Directors of the Mercantile Library Association:*Annual Statement of the Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association,
taken from the Report of the Treasurer, EDMUND COFFIN.

RECEIPTS.

1873, May.	Cash balance	\$3,127 47	
1874, May.	Rental year, 1873,	19,000 00	
		<hr/>	\$22,127 47
1874, May.	Disbursements, 1873.....		18,334 63
			<hr/>
	Cash.....		\$3,792 84
1873, May.	Contingent fund.....	\$34,309 81	
1874, May.	Appropriation, 1873	5,000 00	
	Interest collected.....	1,822 71	
		<hr/>	\$41,132 52

INVESTED AS FOLLOWS:

New York State Bonds	\$23,500 00	
“ City “	16,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$39,500 00
	Cash.....	<hr/>
		\$1,632 52
Insurance on Building and Furniture	\$130,000 00	
“ on Books.....	40,000 00	
Whole number of volumes added to the Library by Clinton Hall Association...	16,095	
Cost and Binding.....	\$54,809 51	

The books purchased by Clinton Hall Association are of the first-class, mostly imported from Europe, costing on an average of three dollars and fifty cents per volume. These books greatly improve the Library, and it is safe to say, that if the present policy be persued for

a period of twenty years, that the Mercantile Library will occupy a position second to none in this country. This fact will be gratifying to the few who remember the Library in its infancy.

The contingent fund for the erection of a fire-proof building amounts to \$41,132.52. This will be gratifying to the friends of the Library, who look forward to the time, when this most valuable institution will be protected by a fire-proof building. To attempt to erect such a building with our present means at this time would be dangerous in the extreme. It could only be accomplished by incurring a large debt, without any immediate prospect of payment. The institution is now out of debt, and with a rental of nineteen thousand dollars, and ought not to change its position except it be for the better.

The Trustees are not without hope that some one of our prominent merchants, whose fortunes have been made in this city, and who are desirous of associating their name with an institution connected with the commerce of the city, will, in their own time, donate to Clinton Hall Association, lots suitably situated for the erection of a building that will be an ornament to the City, and a monument of the liberality of the merchants of New York.

WILSON G. HUNT,

Pres't Clinton Hall Association.

NEW YORK, May 12, 1874.

[APPENDIX II.]

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE

Mercantile Library Association.

WILLIAM H. GUION, Jr., Treasurer, in account with the Mercantile Library Association of the City of New York, for the year ending April 30, 1874.

RECEIPTS.

Balance April 30, 1873.....	\$591 31	
Initiation fees.....	1,860 00	
Semi-annual dues.....	21,696 91	
Duplicate Accounts.....	1,805 60	
Loans.....	4,270 43	
Catalogues.....	125 95	
Duplicate books.....	448 64	
Interest.....	1,260 00	
Classes.....	416 00	
Clinton Hall.....	1,680 00	
Old paper.....	181 28	
Book delivery.....	511 23	
Lectures.....	224 63	
Donation.....	1,500 00	
		<u>\$36,571 98</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Books.....	\$6,582 02	
Periodicals.....	3,592 06	
Fixtures.....	227 69	
Light.....	1,905 37	
Salaries.....	13,601 44	
Incidental.....	2,620 52	
Branch Office.....	1,473 20	
Binding.....	951 37	
Stationery.....	1,773 23	
Printing.....	97 25	
Classes.....	403 50	
Insurance.....	932 64	
Special Appropriations.....	100 00	
Advertising.....	28 65	
Book Delivery.....	771 71	
Permanent Catalogue Fund.....	330 00	
Stamford Branch.....	97 19	
Norwalk ".....	4 30	
Elizabeth ".....	262 43	
		<u>\$35,754 57</u>
Balance April 30th, 1874, in Bank and in Petty Cash.....		817 41
		<u>\$36,571 98</u>

[APPENDIX III.]

Annual Additions of Members and Books.

[Expenditures for Books, Total Receipts, etc., from the 9th of November, 1820, to 1st of May, 1874.]

YEARS.	No. of Members who have joined the Library.	No. of Volumes acquired by pur- chase & donation.	Amount Expend- ed for Books and Periodicals.	Amount Expend- ed for Binding.	Donations re- ceived.	Total Receipts.
1820-21	204	1,000	\$600 00		\$600 00	\$900 00
1822	76	250	273 00		150 00	510 90
1823	81	100	150 00		250 00	726 69
1824	77	175	208 00			712 23
1825	257	675	619 00	\$73 00	795 00	1,469 00
1826	471	1,000	756 72	190 28	785 75	2,246 42
1827	360	1,200	695 12	31 38		1,750 52
1828	295	1,000	330 27	146 25		1,572 47
1829	414	600	562 30	154 28		1,701 81
1830	486	600	567 91	99 25		1,755 82
1831	507	750	1,177 19	68 44		2,360 71
1832	383	864	1,107 36	197 55		3,033 58
1833	382	1,397	1,303 98	224 20		2,978 98
1834	393	1,090	1,278 20	223 29		2,977 59
1835	680	1,522	2,126 32	238 51		4,333 18
1836	867	1,845	2,286 74	250 70		5,110 80
1837	936	2,547	2,806 47	186 04		6,109 20
1838	1,003	2,471	3,115 72	423 91		7,477 99
1839	1,097	3,583	4 278 23	729 60		8,082 15
1840	501	390	1,995 19	615 42		7,071 17
1841	627	1,136	1,495 12	591 75		6,935 30
1842	308	1,252	2,179 79	670 77		5,567 70
1843	252	465	797 90	536 85		4,355 86
1844	387	745	708 35	271 25		3,959 20
1845	582	1,428	1,628 60	402 65		4,082 04
1846	609	1,883	2,072 59	500 34		5,044 61
1847	687	2,258	3,311 95	549 19		5,902 90
1848	681	2,276	3,392 71	445 52		6,286 21
1849	1,013	2,517	3,531 83	600 35		7,207 06
1850	1,116	1,865	2,608 63	286 72	3,000 00	10 691 95
1851	1,041	2,957	4,050 01	560 84		8,290 00
1852	1,293	4,346	4,786 35	889 67		9,931 72
1853	991	2,900	3,916 54	418 96		8,929 82
1854	1,216	2,409	3,019 07	381 26		9,691 95
1855-56	1,783	3,588	4,477 42	1,475 44		14,223 95
1856-57	1,088	1,521	1,384 21	661 10		10,453 95
1857-58	877	824	1,615 93	581 77		9,182 50
1858-59	969	3,040	3,537 80	521 53		9,509 59
1859-60	1,080	3,183	3,259 52	342 87	10,050 00	20,615 86
1860-61	1,109	2,827	3,141 37	318 62	50 00	11,249 19
1861-62	792	1,322	2,663 41	135 72	400 00	10,276 47
1862-63	893	4,581	3,358 70	817 03		12,711 21
1863-64	1,564	6,047	7,442 80	318 23		17,638 94
1864-65	2,830	7,408	10,420 81	586 60	4,000 00	29,146 81
1865-66	3,321	9,023	11,639 18	582 90	2,000 00	41,761 01
1866-67	2,825	10,090	12,479 11	1,000 45		40,380 36
1867-68	2,689	9,351	11,075 29	660 24	5,000 00	41,722 50
1868-69	2,434	12,024	13,092 98	593 75		38,014 82
1869-70	3,129	18,000	11,894 97	1,577 75		40,468 00
1870-71	2,379	12,210	10,831 01	1,414 70		42,258 81
1871-72	2,511	10,914	10,491 88	2,039 58		44,678 31
1872-73	2,004	6,919	6,631 26	2,298 85		38,869 46
1873-74	1,860	5,455	10,174 08	951 37	1,500 00	35,980 67
	56,267	174,823	\$203,748 89	\$27,826 68	\$28,580 75	\$669,798 94

APPENDIX IV.]

CIRCULATION.

The following Table shows the number of books delivered annually from the 30th of April, 1859, to the 30th of April, 1874. Prior to the former date there is no accurate record of the circulation of the Library.

YEAR.	Total Issue.	Delivered at Main Library.	Delivered at Down-Town Office.	Delivered at Other Branch Offices.	Delivered at Residences.	No. of Volumes Standard Literature delivered.	No. of Volumes Fiction delivered.	No. of Volumes in Foreign Languages delivered.	Daily Average. The Figures in this col. prior to those for '67 are approximate only.	Largest Circulation in one day.	Date of last column.
1859-60	64,263	46,097	18,166			40,102	134,117	3,936	223		
1860-61	79,773	64,218	15,555			52,830	146,402	6,888	277		
1861-62	92,575	76,827	15,748			54,137	141,214	8,543	322		
1862-63	85,273	70,624	14,649			52,203	150,916	6,947	297		
1863-64	102,049	85,092	16,957			57,272	169,646	7,202	355		
1864-65	189,609	156,437	33,172			81,519	172,572	14,943	661		
1865-66	178,218	154,952	23,266			52,830	146,402	6,888	696		
1866-67	206,120	169,219	36,901			54,137	141,214	8,543	718		
1867-68	203,894	151,588	44,060		8,246	52,203	150,916	6,947	710	1,573	Aug. 10.
1868-69	210,066	156,558	45,080		8,428	57,272	169,646	7,202	742	1,346	Feb. 27.
1869-70	234,120	175,110	47,826		11,184	81,519	172,572	14,943	760	1,832	Feb. 19.
1870-71	269,034	184,780	53,012		11,882	73,167	170,529	16,149	879	1,727	Mar. 18.
1871-72	259,845	164,253	58,439	19,360	12,869	62,489	159,889	17,155	836	1,772	Jan. 20.
1872-73	239,533	163,696	51,378	24,284	12,306	60,970	128,064	15,598	780	1,647	Jan. 25.
1873-74	204,632	154,265	44,576	12,153	5,791				654	1,343	Jan. 24.

Book Account.

Number of Volumes, April 30th, 1873.....		143,273
“ “ added this year by purchase..	4,949	
“ “ “ “ donation..	506	
	<u>5,455</u>	
French Books added.....	215	
German “	243	
Other Foreign Books added.....	25	
English “ “	4,972	
	<u>5,455</u>	
Quarto.....	282	
Octavo.....	2,292	
Duodecimo... ..	2,878	
	<u>5,455</u>	
On Theology.....	219	
“ Mental and Moral Sciences.....	148	
“ Political Science.....	148	
“ Natural Science.....	224	
“ Literature.....	791	
“ History, Geography and Travel.....	810	
“ Biography.....	293	
“ Mathematics.....	11	
“ Medicine.....	11	
“ Arts.....	273	
“ English Fiction.....	2,527	
	<u>5,455</u>	
Less surplus Books sold.....	818	
“ imperfect “ “	332	
	<u>1,150</u>	
	<u>4,305</u>	
Total Volumes, April 30th, 1874.....		147,578
Books added by Clinton Hall Association	1,634	
Pamphlets added.....	243	

Mercantile Library.

[APPENDIX VI.]

*Executive Force.**Librarian,*

WM. T. PEOPLES.

Assistant Librarian,

GEORGE COOPE.

Cataloguing Assistant,

JOHANNES BADE.

Book-keeper and Cashier,

FREDERICK G. BOURNE.

*Desk Clerks,*J. N. WING, *Chief,*

FRANK POST,

JOHN J. O'BRIEN,

WM. H. ARKILLS,

WM. E. KING,

JOS. R. SHERWOOD.

Collector,

CORNELIUS J. KANE.

Reading Room Attendants,

MRS. J. W. HUBBELL.

MISS. L. B. HUBBELL.

Sup't Down-Town Office,

E. F. OSBORNE.

Binder,

WM. LITTLEFIELD.

ASSISTANTS.

MISS LOUISA LITTLEFIELD,

WM. TORBOHM,

Janitors,

WM. JAMIESON,

HENRY F. WILSON.

[APPENDIX VII.]

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE

Permanent Catalogue Fund.

To the Board of Direction of the Mercantile Library Association :

As required by the Articles creating the Permanent Catalogue Fund, I respectfully submit the following report of the monies received by me, on account of said Fund, since the date of the last report, May 8, 1873:

Balance on hand at that date.....	\$1,607.88
Interest accrued.....	96.47
1874.	

May 4th, Received from the Mercantile Library Association, in re-imbursement of money advanced to them.....	330 00
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Balance on hand.....	<u>\$2,034.35</u>
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WILLARD L. FELT,

Treasurer Permanent Catalogue Fund.

NEW YORK, May 21, 1874.

[APPENDIX VIII.]

LIST OF DONORS

TO THE

Mercantile Library Association.

May 1, 1873, to April 30, 1874.

DEMILT, MISS ELIZABETH, Interest of Fund.....	\$210
GROSVENOR, SETH, “ “	700
LORILLARD, PETER, “ “	350
	<hr/> \$1,260

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS.

	Vols.	Pam.
Abbott, Austin.....	4	
Abbott, Rev. Lyman.....	6	
Alabama, (State of) Commissioner of Industrial Resources		1
Alvord, Elisha.....		1
Alvord, Hon. Thomas G.....	2	1
American Antiquarian Society.....		2
“ Bible Society.....		1
“ Colonization Society.....		1
“ Pharmaceutical Association.....		1
“ Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society..	5	
Andover Theological Seminary.....		1
Bangor Library Association, Bangor, Me.....	1	
Barnard, Horace.....		1
Barnes, Demas, Brooklyn, L. I.....		1
Bell, Clark.....		5
Booth, Rev. Robert R.....	2	
Bouvier.....	3	
Bradlee, Rev. C. D., Boston, Mass.....		3
Bristed, Chs. A.....		1
Bronson Library, Waterbury, Conn.....		2
Brookline Public Library.....	1	1
Buffalo Board of Trade.....	“	1
Burdge, F.....		1
Burns, Mrs. Eliza B.....	3	2
Calkins, Alonzo, M. D.....		1
Chambers, Geo. E., Philadelphia, Pa.....		1
Chicago Public Library.....		1
Childs, Geo. W., Philadelphia, Pa.....	1	
Christern, F. W.....		2
Citizen.....		1

	Vols.	Pam.
City Library Association of Springfield, Mass.....		1
Clarke, Hyde, London, England.....		2
Cobden Club, " ".....		6
Coburn, E. N., Charlestown, Mass.....		1
College of the City of New York.....		2
Conklin, Wm. A.....		1
Conkling, Hon. Roscoe.....	15	
Connecticut State Reform School, West Meriden, Conn...		3
Cooper, John A., Albany, N. Y.....	2	
Cooper, Peter.....		1
Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.....		4
Davies, Hon. Henry E.....	250	2
De Peyster, F.....	1	1
Deutsch Amerikanisches Conversations Lexicon, Editors of	3	7
Dodd & Mead.....	9	
Draper, Daniel.....		1
Emerson & Stott, Chicago, Ill.....		2
English, Stephen.....	1	
Essex Institute, Salem, Mass.....		3
Foot, Sam'l A., Geneva, N. Y.....	2	
Foote, Dr. Frank P.....		1
Free Public Library of Liverpool, England.....	1	1
Free Public Library of New Bedford, Mass.....		1
French, Mrs. E. J., Philadelphia, Pa.....	2	2
Gardner, Major Asa B., Louisville, Ky.....		1
General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen.....		1
Genet, Henry Wm.....		1
Georgetown College, D. C.....		1
Georgia Historical Society, Savannah, Ga... ..		1
Griffin, E. A.....		1
Gunn, Robert A.....		1
Guthrie, Mrs. F. S.....		1
Hall, E. Hepple.	1	
Harned, Sam'l W... ..		2
Harrison, J. G.....	2	
Hartford Young Men's Institute.....	1	2
Hatfield, Rev. Edwin F.....	1	
Herald Publishing Company, Los Angeles, Cal.....		1
Hinton, H. L.....	1	
Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio.....	1	
Hoe, R. & Co... ..	1	
Home for Aged Women.....		1
Home of Incurables, Fordham, N. Y.....		1
Horsley, Mrs.....		2
Hough, Jno. S.....		2
Hunter, D. J.....	1	
Kreps, Wm. S.....	1	
Lancefield Bros., Hamilton, Ontario.....		1
Lathers, Col. Richard, Charleston, S. C.....	1	2
Leavenworth, E. W.....	1	
Library Committee of Lancaster, Mass.....		1
Library Company of Philadelphia, Pa.		1
Lieber, Mrs. F.....		2
Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, Can.....		1
Littlefield, Wm.....	1	
London, D. H.....		2

	Vols.	Pam.
Loubat, J. F.....	1	
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.....		1
Lozier, Chs. McK.....	3	
Lyceum of Natural History.....		1
McCormick, Hon. K.....	1	
Maclay, Lieut. J. W.....		2
Marietta College.....		1
Massachusetts State Board of Health.....		1
Mechanics' Institute of San Francisco, Cal.....		2
Mercantile Library Association of Brooklyn.....		5
Mercantile Library Association of San Francisco.....	1	2
Merriam, Hon. Clinton L.....		1
Michigan State Library.....		1
Minnesota Historical Society.....		1
Missouri State Board of Immigration.....		1
Mount Sinai Hospital.....		1
Murray Hill Publishing Company.....	3	
New York (City of) Comptroller.....		1
“ “ Health Department.....	1	1
“ (State of) Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
“ “ Secretary of State.....	5	3
“ “ State Library.....	1	
“ City Mission and Tract Society.....		1
“ Hospital and Bloomingdale Asylum.....		1
“ Ophthalmic and Aural Institute.....		1
“ Produce Exchange.....	1	
“ Sabbath Committee.....		1
Odd Fellows' Library Association of San Francisco, Cal...		1
Ohio (State of) Auditor of State.....	1	
“ “ Commissioners of Sinking Fund.....		1
“ “ State Library.....	6	3
Onderdonck, Henry, Jr., Jamaica, L. I.....	1	5
Osborn, Rev. A. C., Brooklyn, L. I.....		2
Osgood, Charles.....	1	
Palmer, Albert M.....	6	
Palmer, C. Albert.....	1	
Patterson, Wm. J., Montreal, Can.....		1
Peabody Institute, Peabody, Mass.	1	1
Pennsylvania (State of) Bureau of Statistics of Labor and Agriculture.....		1
Post, Frank.....	2	
Precht, Dr. Victor.....	1	
Public Free Libraries of Manchester, England.....		1
Public Library of Boston.....		2
“ “ “ Cincinnati.....		1
“ “ “ Fall River.....		1
“ “ “ Indianapolis.....	1	
“ “ “ Taunton.....		1
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.....		1
Rexford, N. C.....	1	20
Roehrig, Prof. F. L. O., Ithaca, N. Y.....		1
Rowell, Geo. P., & Co.....	1	
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.....		1
“ Public Schools.....		1
“ Public School Library.....		2
Sampson, Clarence, Boston, Mass.....		5

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	Vols.	Pam.
Sandford, Elliot.....		1
Schem, Prof. Alexander J.....		2
Sherman, Wm Arthur.....	28	
Sherwin, Mrs. Frank R.....	1	
Silliman, Benj. D.....	1	
Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C.....	5	1
Social Science Association of Philadelphia, Pa.....		1
South Western Bible Society, New Orleans, La.....		1
Speller, W. P.....		1
State Historical Society at Iowa City.....		2
“ “ “ of Wisconsin.....	2	
Stevens, John A., Jr.....		1
Sturges, E.....		3
Sumner, Chas A., San Francisco, Cal.....		2
Syracuse Board of Education.....		1
Taxpayers' Convention of South Carolina.....		1
Tennessee State Library.....	4	
Toronto Mechanics' Institute, Toronto, Can.....		1
Torrey Botanical Club.....		1
Trinity Church.....		1
Trinity College, Hartford, Conn.....		1
Trübner & Co., London, England.....	2	
Tufts College.....		1
Tuttle, Geo. F.....		1
United States, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.....	3	
“ “ Ordnance, “ “.....	4	
“ Commissioner of Education.....	1	4
“ “ Patents.....	12	1
“ Comptroller of the Currency.....	1	
“ Librarian of Congress.....		2
“ Military Academy.....		1
“ Naval Observatory.....	2	
“ Secretary of the Interior.....	58	3
“ “ State.....	6	
“ “ the Treasury.....	1	
“ Superintendent of Census.....	1	
“ Supervising Surgeon Marine Hospital.....	1	
“ Surgeon General.....	2	
United States Military Post Library Association.....		5
Unknown Friend.....	1	
Warren County Library Association, Monmouth, Ill.....		3
Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.....		1
Weisse, Dr. J. M.....		2
Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn.....		2
White, T. & R., Montreal, Can.....		1
Willard, Edward.....	1	
Willard Asylum, Albany, N. Y.....		1
Wilson, James Grant.....		2
Wines, Rev. Dr.....		1
Wing, J. M., & Co., Chicago, Ill.....	1	
Yale College.....		1
Young Men's Association of Albany.....		2
“ “ “ Buffalo.....		1
“ “ Mercantile Library Association of Cincinnati.....		1
“ “ “ “ Pittsburgh.....		1
Total.....	506	243

[APPENDIX IX.]

HONORARY MEMBERS

OF THE

Mercantile Library Association.

MAY 1, 1874.

Hon. Chas. Francis Adams,
William Adams, D. D.,
Benjamin G. Arnold,
William H. Aspinwall,
Isaac H. Bailey,
Hon. Geo. Bancroft, LL.D.,
Hon. Daniel D. Barnard,
F. A. P. Barnard, LL.D., S.T.D.,
Henry W. Bellows, D.D.,
William A. Booth,
M. C. D. Borden,
Edgar Botsford,
William Cullen Bryant,
Elihu Burritt,
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Luther Clark,
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Hon. Schuyler Colfax,
Peter Cooper,
Thomas S. Cummings,
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Richard H. Dana, Jr.,
Frederick De Peyster,
Orville Dewey, D.D.,
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Prof. R. Ogden Doremus,
John W. Draper, M.D.,

Alexander F. Duncan,
Charles Edwards,
Cornelius L. Everitt,
Hon. Reuben E. Fenton,
Benj. H. Field,
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Hon. Hamilton Fish,
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Parke Godwin,
John H. Gourlie,
S. Hastings Grant,
Gen. Ulysses S. Grant,
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Hon. A. Oakey Hall,
William Harris, D.D.,
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Rosewell D. Hitchcock, D.D.,
Richard M. Hoe,
Charles Fenno Hoffman,
Hon. John T. Hoffman,
John Hone, Jr.,
Frederick Hudson,
Wilson G. Hunt,
John R. Hurd.
Ephraim H. Jenny,
John D. Jones,
Louis Kossuth,
Richard Lathers,
James Lenox,
Rev. Harmon Loomis, D.D.,
Allan McLane.

HONORARY MEMBERS—CONTINUED.

Benjamin F. Manierre,
Manton Marble,
Samuel Marsh,
Hon. F. E. Mather,
Nathaniel F. Moore, LL.D.,
Edmund Morewood,
Hon. E. D. Morgan,
D. Colden Murray,
John K. Myers,
Isaac Green Pearsons,
S. H. Pennington, M.D.,
President (ex-officio) of the Bos-
ton Mercantile Library.
President (ex-officio) of the Mer-
cantile Library Association,
Portland, Me.
George L. Prentiss, D.D.,
William C. Prime,

Rossiter W. Raymond,
Marshall O. Roberts,
Hon. Horatio Seymour,
Jackson S. Schultz,
Benjamin D. Silliman,
Jonathan D. Steele,
Alexander T. Stewart,
Hon. Thomas E. Stewart,
F. W. Steinbrenner,
Henry A. Stone,
Francis Thompson,
Silas Totten, D.D.,
Richard I. Tucker,
G. B. Vroom,
Alex. S. Webb,
Horace Webster,
Samuel Willets.

M. C. D. Borden and Alex. S. Webb were elected during the past year.

HONORARY MEMBERS WHO HAVE DIED DURING THE PAST YEAR:

David Hoadley,
Gardner Spring, D.D.

[APPENDIX X.]

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTION
AND

Officers of the Association for 1874-75.

President,

SAMUEL PUTNAM.

Vice President,

CHARLES H. WILSON.

Corresponding Secretary,

CHARLES C. HOUGH.

Recording Secretary,

J. C. PALMER.

Treasurer,

WILLIAM H. GUION, Jr.

Class, for One Year.

CHARLES H. WILSON,

WM. H. GUION, Jr.,

SAMUEL PUTNAM,

SEYMOUR A. BUNCE.

Class, for Two Years,

ALEX. M. EAGLESON,

CHAS. S. ARTHUR,

CHARLES F. ALLEN,

A. L. BELL.

Class, for Three Years,

WM. CURTIS NOYES,

J. C. PALMER,

CHARLES C. HOUGH,

WM. E. GAVIT.

Librarian,

WM. T. PEOPLES.

Assistant Librarian,

GEORGE COOPE.

Counsel to the Association,

HON. HENRY E. DAVIES.

[APPENDIX XI.]

Trustees of the Permanent Catalogue Fund.

SAMUEL PUTNAM,

President Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

CHARLES C. HOUGH,

Cor. Sec. Mercantile Library Association, ex-officio.

WILSON G. HUNT,

President of the Clinton Hall Association, ex-officio.

DANIEL F. APPLETON,

WILLARD L. FELT,

From the Members at Large.

Trustees of the Clinton Hall Association.

WILSON G. HUNT,

EDMUND COFFIN,

WILLIAM E. DODGE,

ISAAC H. BAILEY,

JOHN K. MYERS,

HUGH N. CAMP,

M. C. D. BORDEN.

WILSON G. HUNT,

HUGH N. CAMP,

President.

Secretary.

EDMUND COFFIN,

Treasurer.

